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Governor's Council Selects State's Runner to Represent Missouri in National Marathon

Jefferson City-A Ste. Genevieve woman will be representing Missouri in the Second National Marathon in Washington, D.C. on March 23, according to the Missouri Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Health.

Becky Lorey was chosen from a field of 63 applicants. First alternate is Stephen M. Bourgeois and second alternate is Mark Livesay, both of Columbia. All are accomplished runners who have completed a number of marathons. Applicants had to be Missouri residents and 16 years of age or older to apply.

"We are proud to announce Becky Lorey as the winner, and Bourgeois and Livesay alternates. We were both pleased and astonished at the field of accomplished marathon runners who applied, making the selection process more difficult than expected. This marathon is a marvelous opportunity for the winner to participate in one of the most scenic, historic runs in the nation," said Donna Mueller, Executive Director of the Governor's Council.

Expenses for the trip are being underwritten by: the Missouri Hotel and Lodging Association, ACT Missouri, and Clark Hampton, St. Joseph. The Missouri Department of Transportation is providing reflective cones that will mark the marathon route in Washington D.C.

The Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Health promotes physical fitness and health statewide by implementing programs, fostering communication and cooperation, and developing state support that will help the citizens of Missouri develop and maintain healthier lifestyles.

The Second National Marathon is the only race completely within the District of Columbia's borders that showcases not only the postcard perfect view of the nation's Capitol, but introduces neighborhoods, historical sights and favorite local spots not ordinarily seen. Last year, thousands of people lined the streets of Washington, and waved and shouted as runners streamed through.